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SUBJ:TAIWANESE DISSIDENTS AT JUNE 14 HEARING: PRESS

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FOLLOWING IS THE CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE CONCERNING OUR
ADMISSION OF TWO TAIWANESE DISSIDENTS WHICH HAS BEEN PRE-
PARED FOR SPOKESMAN'S USE AT JUNE 14 NOON BRIEFING:

QUESTION: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE TWO TAIWANESE
OPPOSITIONISTS WHO ARE IN THE U.S.?

ANSWER: MR. CHANG IS A PAST DEPUTY EDITOR OF THE TAIWAN
POLITICAL REVIEW WHICH WAS BANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST
OCTOBER. MR. WU IS A COUNTRY ASSEMBLYMAN FROM CENTRAL
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TAIWAN.

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR ESCAPE FROM TAIWAN?

ANSWER: NOTHING. WE FIRST LEARNED OF THEIR FLIGHT FROM
TAIWAN WHEN THEY APPEARED AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TOKYO.

QUESTION: WHY DID THEY LEAVE TAIWAN?

ANSWER: IT WOULD BE BEST TO LET THEM EXPLAIN THEIR MOTIVES.

QUESTION: WHY DID YOU LET THEM INTO THE UNITED STATES?

ANSWER: IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT THEY BE ADMITTED TO TESTIFY AT A SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS ON TAIWAN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14.

QUESTION: WHERE WILL THEY BE STAYING AND HOW DO WE GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM?

ANSWER: I AM SORRY WE DO NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ON TAIWAN?

ANSWER: WHILE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DO CONTINUE, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT TAIWAN IS EVOLVING IN THE DIRECTION OF A MORE OPEN SOCIETY. WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN TAIWAN AND HAVE GIVEN OUR VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THE ROC UNDERSTANDS THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING THEIRS.

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QUESTION: HAVE WE INFORMED THE ROC GOVERNMENT, AND WHAT WAS THEIR REACTION?

ANSWER: WE HAVE INFORMED THE ROC, BUT I CAN'T GET INTO DETAILS.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE?

ANSWER: THAT QUESTION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE GOJ.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE USG'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR TAIWAN?

ANSWER: AS STATED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, WE DO NOT CHALLENGE THE VIEW THAT TAIWAN IS PART OF CHINA. OUR INTEREST IS IN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE BY THE CHINESE THEMSELVES.

QUESTION: DOES THIS ACTION BEGIN A POLICY OF ACCEPTING
POLITICAL REFUGEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPHASIZING THE
PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN?

ANSWER: IT CONTINUES TO BE USG POLICY TO CONSIDER SUCH
REQUESTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

QUESTION: IS THE DEPARTMENT SINGLING OUT THE ROC GOVERN-
MENT FOR THIS TYPE OF ACTION?

ANSWER: NO. VANCE

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